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FROM WHOLE BLOOD  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 20 of this paper.